

The Arizona Sentinel

OFFICIAL COUNTY PAPER.

Yuma, Arizona.

SATURDAY, JAN. 14, 1888.

Town property in rapidly increasing in value.

If tobacco is a necessity, the tender youth can make the old man pay his cigarette bills.

Yuma is rapidly filling up with strangers, all of whom are delighted with our lovely climate.

It is authoritatively stated that the Blair educational bill will pass both Houses of Congress this session.

Copper and lead are rapidly appreciating in value, and it is to be hoped that silver will soon follow suit.

Pope Leo had a pretty fair Christmas. He found in his stocking presents amounting to \$15,000,000.

Forty one degrees below zero in the East; sixty degrees in Yuma, with lots of bright sunshine, and dry health-giving air.

The SENTINEL gladly welcomes the many visitors to Yuma and trusts that the majority of them will become permanent residents.

The Red Cloud mine is producing ore in paying quantities. The news from Silver District is very encouraging and gives promise that camp becoming lively at an early day.

The fences that are obstructing the public highways should be torn down; the side and back streets cleaned up; their ickety poles which represent fencing removed, and in fact everything that will add to the improvement of Yuma should be done, and that as soon as possible.

The railroad from Encinita and San Diego which still travel eastward to the mouth of the Colorado, on the south side of the international line, thence up the Colorado to Yuma and eastward through Arizona is beginning to assume tangible form and a force will soon be set to work on the San Diego end of the road.

The Territorial Prison.

The economical and successful management of a public institution, is so rare in our day that the SENTINEL takes pleasure in calling the attention of its readers to the wise administration of affairs at the Territorial Prison. Ever since the new management has taken hold, the expenses have steadily decreased and that in the face of constant building and improvements. The expenditures have decreased from quarter to quarter, and the policy of the Commissioners seems to be one of careful economy. The expense for the third quarter of 1887, amounted to \$10,941.02, with an average of 106 prisoners on hand, the cost of the fourth quarter, \$10,957.61 within average of 125 prisoners on hand. These figures speak for themselves and the best argument which can be made to please the tax payer is that of saving expense in the administration of public affairs. The Territorial Prison Commissioners aided by the efficient officers of the prison are to be congratulated upon the magnificent record they have made in their administration and the SENTINEL hopes that the good work will continue.

Sugar Beets and Beet Sugar.

Olaus Sprockels the great "Sugar King," has decided to build his first beet sugar factory at Watsonville, in the Pajaro Valley, and intends to have it ready in time to work up this year's crop of beets. If the first one is a success, of which Mr. Sprockels has no doubt, he will assist in establishing two or three other factories, in California. Yuma County has splendid land that can be utilized for this valuable industry. The factory to be erected at Watsonville will cost \$300,000 and consume 350 tons of beets in twenty four hours. Mr. Sprockels says that the beets should be planted twelve to 14 inches apart and the plants from six to eight inches distance from each other. Small beets are worth more for sugar than large ones. An acre will produce 40 tons and upwards, according to the richness of the soil and mode of cultivation. For instance, if they are planted in rows twelve inches apart and six inches from beet to beet, an acre would produce 42 tons of 1-pound beets, 52½ tons of 1½-pound beets, 63 tons of 2-pound beets, 73½ tons of 2½-pound beets and 84 tons of 3-pound beets. It takes from 6½ to 10 tons of beets to make a ton of sugar, according to their sweetness.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF PRISON COMMISSIONERS.

Regular Session.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF PRISON COMMISSIONERS, Yuma, A. T. Tuesday January 3rd, 1888.

The statutory meeting day having fallen upon new year's day a legal holiday, the Board met this Tuesday January 3rd, 1888 at 10 o'clock A. M. Present, Chairman, Brady, Commissioners, Stevens and Lyons. Reports of the superintendent, assistant superintendent and turnkey, and the medical officer were read and ordered placed on file. On motion the superintendent was instructed to use from the Library fund such moneys as he deemed necessary for the purchase of books and subscriptions for periodicals. The following bills were audited and ordered paid.

Number 1, Thomas Gates, Superintendent,	\$750.00
Number 2, J. H. Behan, Assistant Supt.	375.00
Number 3, B. F. Harlee, guard,	300.00
Number 4, F. Fredley, guard,	300.00
Number 5, A. Green, guard,	300.00
Number 6, R. H. Reynolds, guard,	300.00
Number 7, A. L. Figueroa, guard,	300.00
Number 8, A. Ragel, 2 mos. guard,	200.00
Number 9, J. P. Burns, guard,	300.00
Number 10, D. B. Carter, guard,	300.00
Number 11, John Hart, guard,	300.00
Number 12, Thos. Williams, guard,	300.00
Number 13, John Markle, guard, 2 mos. 12 days,	238.00
Number 14, W. S. Mazzy, guard, 2 mos. 23½ days,	288.00
Number 15, W. C. Bruner, guard, 2 mos. 13 days,	241.91
Number 16, G. W. Soliday, guard, 31 days,	11.25
Number 17, J. H. Powell, guard, 1 month,	100.00
Number 18, R. P. Maralde, guard, 18 days,	58.66
Number 19, E. C. Williams, guard, 2 mos. 24 days,	277.00
Number 20, P. R. Brady, Salary, and mileage,	215.00
Number 21, G. H. Stevens, Salary, and mileage,	281.00
Number 22, I. Lyons, Salary,	15.00
Number 23, A. E. de Corse, Salary,	375.00
Number 24, Richard Rule, Salary,	226.00

SUPPLIES.

Voucher 25, J. Gandolfo, Coal, supplies,	773.22
Voucher 26, J. Gandolfo, clothing, bedding, etc.,	205.21
Voucher 27, J. Gandolfo, provisions,	649.00
Voucher 28, J. Gandolfo, hospital, supplies,	138.54
Voucher 29, J. Gandolfo, fares, cash clothing dis. prisoners,	162.10
Voucher 30, A. Frank, contingent supplies,	532.97
Voucher 31, A. Frank, clothing, bedding, etc.,	492.19
Voucher 32, A. Frank, provisions,	660.21
Voucher 33, A. Frank, hospital,	61.92
Voucher 34, A. Frank, fares, cash, clothing dis. prisoners,	108.52
Voucher 35, F. M. Hodges, hospital, milk supply,	31.12
Voucher 36, A. Lorette, beef,	580.74
Voucher 37, Arizona Gazette, printing blanks,	55.00
Voucher 38, R. T. Burr, corner fees,	27.60
Voucher 39, J. W. Dorrington pen. minutes, 3 qrs.,	107.54
Voucher 40, Baker and Redondo, beef,	19.38

\$10,957.64

On motion Commissioner Lyons, Board adjourns until 10 A. M. Jan. 4th, 1888.

RICHARD RULE, Secretary Board, REGULAR MEETING, Wednesday January 4th, 1888. The Board met pursuant to adjournment at 10 A. M. Present Chairman Brady, Commissioners Stevens and Lyons. On motion of Commissioner Stevens the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS, Superintendent Gates, has complained to this Board that some of the contractors who furnish supplies to the penitentiary have been negligent in furnishing supplies when called upon to furnish the same to the detriment of the public service, therefore be it,

RESOLVED,

That in the event of any of the contractors failing to furnish supplies for which they are contractors after a reasonable notice has been given them by the superintendent, then the said superintendent of the penitentiary, be and is hereby authorized and instructed to purchase said supplies in open market at the lowest price obtainable in said open market as cheaply as possible. Any excess which he the said superintendent may have to pay over and above contract price to be charged against said contractor so failing to furnish.

On motion of Commissioner Lyons it was ordered that all expenses incurred by Superintendent Gates during his illness caused by the wound inflicted by convict Padilla, be paid by a voucher on the Territorial Treasury, passed by unanimous vote. It appearing that convict Ricardo Padilla Benigno Rivera and Alberto Villa were guilty of attempting to escape and making a murderous assault upon an officer of the prison, it was ordered that all credits due them for good conduct be removed. Richard Rule tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Prison Board, accepted, a vacancy being in the Secretary's office, Commissioner Brady nominated Jos. J. Stein for that position, nomination seconded by Commissioner Stevens, upon the vote being taken the election was unanimous. The official bond of John H. Behan as Assistant Superintendent and Turnkey, was approved and ordered placed on file. Mr. Stein was notified to prepare his bond for the approval of the Board. On motion of Commissioner Lyons Board took recess until 6:30 P. M.

Board met pursuant to recess. Present Chairman Brady, Commissioners Stevens and Lyons. Due official bond of Jos. J. Stein as Secretary of the Board of Prison Commissioners, was approved by the Chairman. On motion of Commissioner Stevens, the Superintendent and Secretary of the Prison Board were instructed to prepare bids for the contracts of 1888, and all bids must be accompanied by bonds within fifty (50) per cent of the contract bid, for. There being no further business before the Board the same stood adjourned until the next regular meeting day.

P. R. BRADY, CHAIRMAN. RICHARD RULE, Secretary of Board of Commissioners.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT. Office of the Superintendent, Territorial Prison Yuma, A. T., December 31, 1887.

To the Honorable Board of Prison Commissioners—Gentlemen:

In submitting my regular quarterly report, I include the following, viz: Report of Asst. Supt. and Turnkey. Report of Medical Officer. Abstract prisoners received and discharged. Abstract prisoners entitled to discharge during the coming quarter. Abstract United States prisoners. Acct. for board & c. U. S. prisoners. Prisoners at end of last quarter 106. " " received during quarter 42. " " discharged sentenced expired 8. " " Pardoned by Governor 2. " " killed while attempting escape 4. " " on hand this date 134. " " Average for quarter 124.81—92

For punishment inflicted during quarter I respectfully refer you to report of Asst. Supt.

During the past quarter the prison wall has been nearly covered with a coating of cement.

In the shops the usual amount of labor has been performed. Clothing and shoes for prison use have been manufactured.

Considerable excavating, filling and grading has been done, including many jobs of so trivial a nature as not to be worthy of special mention.

I have sold one farm wagon, manufactured in the prison for \$170, and six pigs for \$42. The sum of \$212, is herewith tendered.

Respectfully, THOMAS GATES, Superintendent.

REPORT OF ASST. SUPT. AND TURNKEY. Office of Assistant Supt. and Turnkey, Territorial Prison; Yuma, A. T. Dec. 31st 1887.

Hon. Thos. Gates, Superintendent Territorial Prison, Sir—

I herewith respectfully submit my report for the Quarter ending December 31st 1887.

The discipline of the prison has been good except in the following instances to wit: Prisoner, no. "455" named Librado Padilla sentenced Oct. 22, 1887, to thirty years imprisonment for the crime of robbery; Prisoner no. "467" named Fernando Vasquez sentenced Oct. 11th 1887 to thirty years im-

prisonment for the crime of robbery; Prisoner no. 454 named Jose Lopez sentenced May 31st 1887, to fifteen years imprisonment for crime of murder and prisoner no. 325 named Esquiel Bastamante sentenced Sept. 27th 1885 to six years imprisonment for the crime of manslaughter. These prisoners were all killed while attempting to escape on the 27th day of Oct. A. D. 1887, they and each of them having participated in a murderous assault upon an officer of the prison.

In addition to the above, the following named prisoners were punished by being confined in the "lock cell" and fed on bread and water for terms, before specified; they and each of them having to a certain extent, participated in said attempt to escape viz: Prisoner no. 435 named Benigno Rivera, sentenced April 13th 1887, to one year imprisonment for the crime of grand larceny, was confined for a period of two months; Prisoner no. 386 named Ricardo Padilla, sentenced Sept. 14th 1886, to four years and six months imprisonment for the crime of burglary, was confined for a period of two months and prisoner no. 386 named Alleno Villa, sentenced May 10th 1886, to six years imprisonment for the crime of manslaughter or who was wounded while engaged in said attempted escape and remained in the prison hospital until Dec. 8th was confined for seventeen days.

I further respectfully report an observance of general neatness in the various apartment by the prisoners engaged in their work and a general spirit of cheerfulness and cleanliness amongst the men.

The supply of food has been ample and of a healthful character and in has been served to the prisoners in appropriately cooked form.

No complaints, worthy of note, have been received by me from convicts. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. BEHAN, Assistant Supt. and Turnkey.

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MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT.

Hon. Thos. Gates, Superintendent Territorial Prison, Yuma, A. T.

Sir—

I have the honor to submit a report of the sanitary condition of the prison for the quarter and half year ending December 31st, 1887. But few cases of sickness have occurred during the half year and none of these of a very serious nature, and is mainly attributable to the very cleanly and healthful state in which the prison is constantly kept. The inmates are a contented and cheerfully disposed, as could possibly be expected under the circumstances of their surroundings. A few cases of gunshot wounds and diseases contracted prior to admission into the Prison are the principal complaints calling for medical aid. One of these, Hop Kee is a confirmed invalid and inveterate opium eater and from his advanced and physical condition promises to be only a cumbersome burden to the Prison.

But four deaths occurred during the half year, and these were the outcome of an attempted outbreak by a few of the Mexican prisoners and resulted in a very severe and unfortunate injury to yourself by a knife wound in the back, and the shooting and almost instant killing of four of the prisoners engaged in the attempted escape and severely wounding another in the arm and shoulder.

Thanking you for kind services to the Prison for friendly assistance constantly rendered me in administering to the comfort of the sick, I remain,

Very Truly Yours, A. E. DE CORSE, M. D.

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4:00 P. M.	Tucson, Benson, Lordsburg, Deming, El Paso, and East.	8:50 A. M.
4:15 P. M.	Gila Bend, Maricopa, Tucson, and Lordsburg.	7:25 A. M.
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